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OFFSHORE ISLANDS

NAVY review(s) completed.

- I. Situation in offshore islands fairly quiet since fall of Ichiang (18 January).**

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- B. Thus major Communist attacks on any or all islands in Tachen command possible at any time prior to evacuation of Nationalist forces there.**

- II. Current plans of US 7th Fleet for evacuation of two principal islands of Tachen group estimate five to seven days required.**

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- B. Chinese Nationalists to be responsible for evacuating Yushan**

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- C. Kats apparently do not intend to evacuate**

Manchishan (66 miles SW main Tachen)

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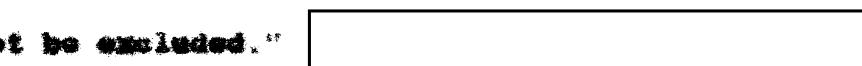
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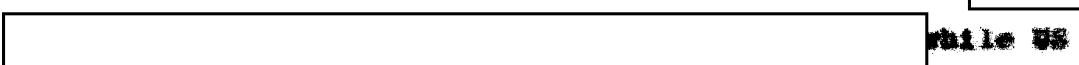


III. Communists are capable of large-scale military effort aimed at disrupting Tachens evacuation.

- A. Commu could launch air strikes on Tachens beaches and against US and Nat vessels in area, could make sneak attacks on ships with subs and torpedo boats, could pour artillery fire on Tachens and harbor between.
- B. "We believe it is unlikely that the Communists would deliberately attack US forces engaged in the evacuation of Nationalist garrisons, but the possibility of a serious incident cannot be excluded."



IV. Communists might move quickly against Matsu Islands.



while US

and Nat forces are occupied in Tachens evacuation.

- A. Believe Commu would prefer to move additional naval and air strength into Matsu area, however, before trying invasion.
- B. In meantime, expect Commu to undertake probing actions aimed at testing US intentions regarding defense of Matsu.
- C. Probing might take form of attacks on Nat shipping, air harassment, shelling by artillery to north.



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V. Communists do not appear prepared at this time to attempt invasion of Quemoy, where Nationalists have more than 50,000 troops.

- A. Comm have about 60,000 troops in area opposite Quemoy, would probably want to move two more armies (100,000) into position, would also want strong air and naval support not now available.
- B. Communists expected to renew probing actions, to test US intentions, in Quemoy as well as in Matsus.
- C. Probing might involve heavy shelling from numerous artillery positions near Quemoy, use of torpedo boats and other craft, or invasion of lightly-held minor islands (Tatan and Erhtan).

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